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FROM A THIN LAYER OF NUCLEAR FUEL,
AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the
above-identified application in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 1, 2003.

As the submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a) and (c), Applicant encloses
Amendment D as submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2003 in
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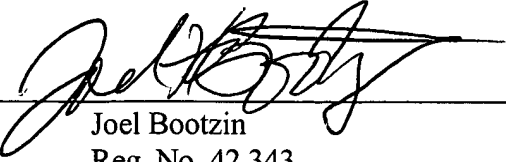
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